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# EXPULSED CZECHS, SUDETENS AGREE

## Bonn Offers Support

Expelled Czechs and Sudeten-Germans expelled from Czechoslovakia, yesterday announced their intention of working together to "liberate" Czechoslovakia and secure the return of the Germans to Sudetenland. They advocated the formation of a Central European Federation.

Representatives of the two groups in London announced they had agreed to form a Czech-Sudeten German Federal committee.

A political agreement had been signed between the Czech National Committee in London and the joint committee for the protection of Sudeten German interests, in Munich.

The representatives said members of the West German Government in Bonn had unofficially offered support.

## Firm Stand

The agreement was signed on August 4 in Munich by General Lev Prchal, representing the Czech National Committee, and Dr. Rudolf Lodgman von Matus, for the Sudeten-Germans.

The agreement stipulates a "firm stand against any totalitarian regime" the establishment of a democratic order in Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, based on "the right of national self-determination," and "voluntary cooperation of both nations on a federative basis after the Czech nation is liberated and the expelled Sudeten-Germans return to their motherland."

It also declares "the theory of collective guilt and vengeance is mutually rejected, but the segregation of the authors and perpetrators of crimes against each of the said nations is claimed by both parties."

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